

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

President's Reception.

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Washington, Jan. 1.—President Roosevelt's New Year's reception was one of the most brilliant events in the history of Washington society. All callers were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, and exchanging with them the compliments of the new year. No distinctions were made except such as were rendered necessary in preservation of order, and the greetings extended to all—high and low, rich and poor—were alike cordial and sincere.

WHITE HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

Today the general public for the first time had the opportunity to see the widely heralded improvements in the White House—improvements which, when completed, will have cost about \$500,000. In addition to a desire personally to wish the President and Mrs. Roosevelt a happy new year hundreds were attracted by a wish to see the White House in its new and handsome interior finish and furnishings. To many who were familiar with the interior of the mansion, as it was a year ago, the changes made were a revelation. It is in a general way the form of the interior has been retained, but the beauty and effectiveness, it is wholly different. Just 24 years ago today President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, moved into the White House. The first reception to their friends, and to the public generally, the dawn of the new era lay within the walls since the first time they were guests in the White House. On account of the unfinished condition of the lower floor President and Mrs. Adams received their guests in the room on the second floor now occupied by President Roosevelt as a library. While the improvements now are more nearly completed than was the mansion at that time, it will be several months before the workmen will have finished their task.

MYRIADS OF ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

An hour before the time for the formal reception of callers, the mansion was aglow with myriads of electric lights. Toward the middle of the evening the place was filled with the vestibule, main corridor and stair cases. Two great stair cases of American and English art were arranged between the vestibule and main corridor, affording a brilliant and effective background for the handsome scarlet uniforms of the military band, 60 pieces strong, which copied tiers of seats in the vestibule. In the Red, Blue and Green rooms, at the end of the East Room, were displayed a few vases containing cut flowers, principally large white lilies and lilacs of the valley. It was noticeable, however, that the floral decorations had been subordinated to the new furnishings and finishing of the room.

It was a merry day for the Roosevelt children. Prior to the reception they had a jolly time in the lower part of the house. They manifested the liveliest interest in all the arrangements.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Shortly before 11 o'clock, the hour at which the reception began, the diplomatic corps began to assemble in the Red Room. The members of the corps entered by the main entrance on the south side, as usual, in order to avoid the crush of the throng already gathered about the main entrance on the north side. Under the glare of the electric chandeliers the spectacle presented by this courtly gathering, attired in magnificent court uniforms, sparkling epaulettes and glistening swords, shewing resplendent against the red velvet walls an ivory wood work, was gorgeous.

PRESIDENTIAL APPROACHES.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the trumpeters of the Marine band sounded a fanfare, announcing the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the immediate receiving party. President Roosevelt, with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm descended the main staircase and passing across the main corridor and through the Green room, entered the Blue room, where the guests were received. Following them came members of the cabinet and ladies. The receiving party was arranged in the arc of a circle in the low window of the blue room. Facing them were the ladies invited to assist. Between the two sections of the receiving party a lane was formed by cordons of red velvet. Through this lane the callers passed from the Red room, proceeding through the Green room into the East room and thence down the staircase into the east terrace and passing into the street opposite the West entrance of the treasury.

The president was in excellent spirits and Mrs. Roosevelt never seemed happier and more gracious. The president was attired in a frock suit and the only flash of color about his attire was a tie of grayish tint.

LADIES WHO ASSISTED.

The following ladies were invited to assist: Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Payne and Miss Wilson.

Mrs. Root and Mrs. Hitchcock, being in mourning, did not attend the reception. Mrs. Roosevelt wore a gown of ecru lace over blue mousseline de soie. Miss Roosevelt a white silk gown with lace. Mrs. Hay wore a white "four de veils" trimmed with duchesse lace. Mrs. Shaw's gown was black embroidered with silk over yellow silk. Mrs. Payne wore a dress of black lace over pale blue with smoky ornaments; Miss Wilson pink satin trimmed with lace and with

shirra of mousseline on the waist with touches of black.

The weather conditions were ideal, the air being crisp but not cold.

RECEPTION BEGINS.

Shortly after the receiving party assembled in the Blue room the reception proper began. The introductions were made by Col. Theodore M. Ringham, the president's military aide, assisted by Maj. Charles McCawley, Capt. John R. Proctor, Jr., and Lieut. Frank McCoy. They were in full dress uniform.

The members of the diplomatic corps were received first, as a dean of the corps, Herr von Holleben, the German ambassador, occupied the post of honor at the head of the line. All of the ambassadors and ministers were accompanied by their suites, their uniforms weighed with a wealth of gold lace and rich ornamentation and decorations. Among the diplomats particularly missed was Wu Ting Fang, now enroute home, where the honors await him. The Chinese legation was represented by Shen Tung, the charge d'affaires, and his suite, all attired in gorgeous oriental silks and satins. Another familiar face missing was that of Jules Cambon, the French ambassador, whose successor has not yet arrived.

DISTINGUISHED CALLERS.

Following the German ambassador and suite came Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador; Senor Aspiroz, the Mexican ambassador; Senor Mayor Des Planches, the Italian ambassador; Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador. After the French representatives and last in the line of ambassadors was Baron Hengelmüller, the Austrian-Hungarian ambassador, recently raised to the higher diplomatic rank. Mr. Constantine Brun was the first of the ministers to be received, he having the distinction of being the senior minister.

Cuba was represented today for the first time, Senor Gonzales De Quesada having the honor of extending the first greetings of a new year to the president on behalf of the new island republic. In all 53 embassies and legations were represented at the reception. Soon after the diplomatic corps has been received Secy. and Mrs. Hay left the receiving line and repaired to their residence, where at noon they received and entertained at luncheon the foreign diplomatic representation of the city.

SUPREME COURT.

After the diplomats President and Mrs. Roosevelt received the supreme court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice Fuller. All of the justices were accompanied by the ladies of their household. Then followed the judges of the United States court of claims and of the district courts of appeals and of the supreme court of the district, ex-cabinet members and ex-ministers of the United States.

At 11:30 the reception of senators, representatives and delegates began. Seemingly there were fewer than in former years, owing largely to the fact that a majority of the congressmen had not returned to Washington from their winter vacations.

MILITARY CONTINGENT.

Following the congressional came the military contingent, composed of officers of the army and navy and marine corps, together with the general and staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

Gen. Miles, who is in China, and Admiral Devey, who is at Culebra Island, and who led the military procession last year, were both absent. Maj. Gen. Young, next in rank to Gen. Miles, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Corbin, adjutant general of the army, led the line of army officers, who preceded the navy. At the head of the latter were Rear Admirals Ransom and Melville. Gen. Heywood, commandant of the marine corps, with his detachment preceded the district militia.

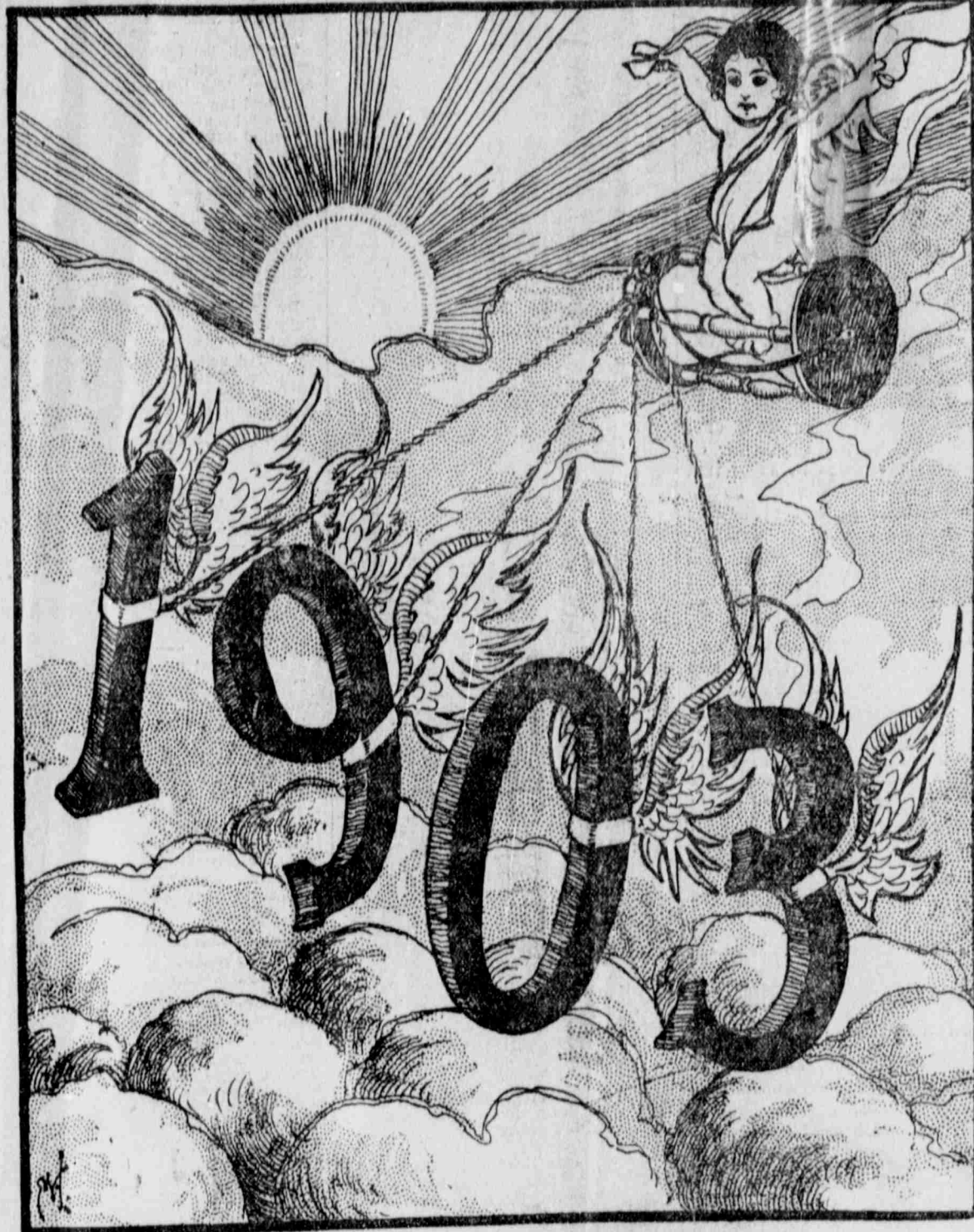
The army officers appeared for the first time as a body in their new dress uniforms. Now and then an officer has been seen attired in the new regulation uniform recently prescribed by the department, but today the full effect of the change was to be seen. The new cap with flaring top which has taken the place of the old cap which was inclined to lose shape with wear, is a distinctive feature of the change. The frocks are elaborately ornamented, thus producing a more showy effect. The gold bedecked full dress of the army officers, the buff-laden garb of the naval officers and the gorgeous attire of the marine officers, the last more conspicuous for color, presented a spectacle of less than that of the diplomatic corps.

CIVIL OFFICERS.

At the conclusion of this feature of the reception the secretaries of departments, assistant assistant attorneys-general, assistant postmaster-generals and various heads of bureaus were received. In this section Vice Gov. Luke Wright, of the Philippines was a notable figure. The president gave him a most cordial greeting. Then were received the Society of the Cincinnati, the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-47, the military order of the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army, the Union Veterans' Legion, the Union Veterans' Union, Spanish War Veterans and the members of the District of Columbia Veterans' Association. At 1 o'clock the reception to citizens generally began. For hours hundreds of people of all ages, color, sexes and conditions had been waiting to greet the president and receive his greetings. The line passed slowly through the main entrance of the White House across the corridor into the red room and thence past the president in the Blue room.

The president had a happy, cheerful greeting for all.

working in league with them, the police claim he has obtained large sums of money from many prominent firms on the coast. The extent of his operations, it is said, aggregate several hundred thousand dollars. Hayes was taken into custody at the instance of Philip Beckett & Co., manufacturers of this city, to whom he represented himself as collector for Western Reference company. He had already obtained \$50 from the firm on an advertising contract and made advances for \$50 additional on an entirely different contract.



THE COMING OF THE NEW YEAR.

CHINA MUST PAY IN GOLD.

Failure to Fulfill Obligations Will Entail Consequences.

POLICY OF UNITED STATES

Presents an Objection in Way of Delivering a Joint Note America Will Accept Silver.

Peking, Dec. 31.—The ministers here of the foreign powers have telegraphed their governments the refusal of China to pay the international indemnity in gold notes and have discussed the matter among themselves. It is proposed to inform the Chinese government that failure to fulfill the obligations provided in the protocol will entail grave consequences.

The policy of the United States presents an objection to China on the delivering a joint note to China on the matter, and the present difficulty is generally attributed to the encouragement given to China by the American government's endorsement of their arguments. The Chinese are content to await developments, believing that the powers will find it so difficult to the present deadlock will be prolonged indefinitely.

The monument to Baron von Kettler, the German minister who was killed in Peking shortly after the outbreak of the Boxer trouble, will be dedicated Jan. 18, Chinese and German officials are participating. The arch spanning the principal business street at the spot where Baron von Kettler was assassinated.

Replying to inquiries from admitted lions, the foreign office today admitted that there was some truth in the report of warlike preparations on the part of Tung Fuh Siang, although it characterizes the stories of his movements as exaggerated. The foreign office says the viceroy has sufficient troops to subvert him. This latter statement, however, is disbelieved. It is expected that the government troops will join Tung Fuh Siang in the event of his undertaking a rebellion. Popular sympathy is with Tung Fuh Siang, who was exiled and degraded for obeying the orders of his superiors and attacking the foreign legations here.

POLICY OF UNITED STATES.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The state department has been officially advised through its fiscal agents in China that the second installment of the Chinese indemnity fund, which falls due tomorrow, must be paid in silver, or rather gold, on a silver basis. This result has been anticipated and the department was not taken by surprise. The first installment of the indemnity, which was paid on a silver basis, was likewise paid on a silver basis, the nations receiving the money reserving the right to claim the difference between the silver and gold basis. Therefore from this time the department will have placed to its credit \$20,000,000 for it has without hesitation decided to accept the payment on the basis proposed.

Some idea of the extra charge that would be imposed upon China did she yield to the demands of the powers for payment of these indemnities on a gold basis, which is the basis of the calculation of the indebtedness may be gathered from the fact that silver was worth 74 cents at the time the agreement was signed in Peking. It is now worth only 67 cents.

The impression prevails here among the persons who have taken part in these settlements that the indemnities demanded by the powers are beyond China's ability. She may for a year or

WORKING FOR RATIFICATION.

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BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY

Fire Insurance Companies Show Better Results Than Last Year.

New York Life Insurance Co's New Paid Business Will Exceed Three Hundred Millions.

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Final Ceremonies Held at Delhi—Was a Most Gorgeous Scene—Throne on Which Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, Stood Decorated With Gold Lions—All the While He Stood With One Foot on a Silver Foot Stool.

Delhi, India, Jan. 1.—Tens of thousands of people from the city of Delhi and from villages far and near began gathering at daybreak this morning on the great plain outside the city. There they waited patiently for the supreme announcement of the durbar, that King Edward was emperor of India. Soon the great plain was filled with crowding masses of people and the brightly colored clothing of the vast throng covered the space with gorgeous hues. The crowd on the plain was composed largely of the common people, but among it could be seen the retainers of the various rajahs who had assembled for the function.

WHITE AMPHITHEATER.

The attention of all was fixed upon the white amphitheater in the center of the plain where the announcement was to be made. The amphitheater was adorned with gilded cupolas and surrounded by batteries, squadrons and battalions of the Indian army. Beyond the amphitheater, in the distance, could be seen great numbers of elephants, camels and horses. So vast was the multitude that the troops appeared as mere splashes of color. The arrival at the amphitheater of the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, and other dignitaries and the princes was one of the brilliant episodes of the day. The princes were clad in silks and adorned with jewels and their horses and carriages were brilliant with trappings of gold.

WITHIN THE ARENA.

The spectacle within the arena was most striking and gorgeous. The Pathan chiefs and the sirdars were resplendent in brilliant garments. Soldiers, civilians and visitors from far distant countries were included among those within the amphitheater. Upon the entrance of the veterans of the Indian mutiny there was tremendous enthusiasm, and as the arrivals marched to their places the bands played national airs. The carriage of the Duke of Connaught, who represents King Edward, was escorted by a detachment of cavalry; as the duke and the duchess were driven across the arena the assemblage gave them an enthusiastic welcome. Amid the acclamations of the people the duke took his seat at the left of the throne, while the duchess proceeded to a place behind the throne. When the great amphitheater was filled and the hour for the announcement drew near the multitude within and without awaited expectantly the first act of the proclamation ceremony.

APPROACH OF THE VICEROY.

Then the approach of the viceroy was heralded. Preceded by members of his bodyguard clad in white, blue and gold and under the command of Maj. Dransom, Lord Curzon appeared at the entrance of the arena in his carriage. The postillions wore uniforms of scarlet and gold and the carriage was drawn by four bay horses. The viceroy was escorted by Sir Percy Fitzgerald. Alighting from his carriage Lord Curzon mounted the dais to the throne, which was decorated with golden lions

spread far beyond Mississippi.

He has made speeches in Congress which have won approval of all Democrats, and his admirers are scattered everywhere, but none is more sincere than the editor of a thriving paper in the south. After many years the editor and Mr. Williams met for the first time. The editor had been celebrating one of those ante-election victories of his party and was just past the stage of discretion when he said: "What a you see," the gentleman's name was "he asked.

"Mr. Williams of Mississippi, a member of the house."

"Are you Representative John Williams of Mississippi?" asked the editor.

"Yes," answered Williams.

"John Sharp Williams?"

"Yes."

"The man who makes those speeches on Congress?" continued the editor.

"The same," was the reply.

"Well, you don't look it," was the unexpected response.

GOV. ODELL INAUGURATED.

For Second Time Enters on Duties of Executive of New York.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Gov. Odell today was inaugurated for his second term. The ceremony was an unusually brilliant one, marked by the presence of many distinguished visitors and the participation of a large representation of the national guard, as well as crowds from all parts of the state.

In his address Gov. Odell said that capital and labor should be in thorough accord and that there should be no discrimination which seeks to advance the interests of one at the expense of the other, because such discrimination would inevitably lead to results and conditions which would be a menace to the welfare of the state.

MRS. W. A. CLARK, JR., DEAD.

Her Baby, for Whom She Gave Her Life, Was Born Dec. 2.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 1.—Mrs. W. A. Clark, Jr., died at 4:30 this morning. Mabel Foster Clark was born 23 years ago near Pittsburg, Pa., the daughter of John H. Foster, who came to Butte nearly 17 years ago. On June 19, 1901, she was wedded to Wm. A. Clark, Jr., the youngest son of Senator W. A. Clark. Her baby boy, for whom she gave her life, was born Dec. 2.

Mrs. Clark was a young woman of rare race and qualities of mind and character, which endeared her to a legion of friends.

Italy Gets Castro's Answer.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Foreign Minister Prinetti this afternoon received through Ambassador Meyer Secy. Hay's note communicating President Castro's acceptance of the Hague arbitration principle, but with an additional proposition which the government at Washington does not support.

THE THRONE.

The throne itself was surmounted by a canopy of white muslin. When the viceroy reached the throne the national anthem was played and a salute of 21 guns was fired. When the spectators had resumed their seats after the anthem there was a flourish of trumpets from the heralds and Maj. Maxwell, at the command of the viceroy, read the proclamation opening the durbar. The royal standard was then raised on high and the imperial salute was fired. The massed bands marched by playing bouffons were started by the troops outside and it was announced that King Edward was emperor of India.

There was another flourish of trumpets and Lord Curzon arose and stood for a moment impassive. Then in impressive tones he delivered a speech and read the message from King Edward.

CORONATION ANNOUNCED.

In his address the viceroy announced the coronation of the king; he exhorted the loyal Indian people and prophesied prosperity for the Indian empire. He said also that it had been decided not to exact interest for three years on all loans made or guaranteed by the government of India to the native states in connection with the recent famine. The viceroy announced also the abolition of the Indian staff corps, which has long been an army sinecure.

In the king's message, which was then read by Lord Curzon, his majesty said that the Prince and Princess of Wales would shortly visit India. He regretted his absence from the durbar and sent his regards to his Indian people. In conclusion King Edward said:

EMPEROR'S ADDRESS.

"I renew the assurances of my regard for the liberties of the Indian people; of my respect for their dignity and rights; of my interest in their advancement, and of my devotion to their welfare. These are the supreme aims and objects of my rule which, under the blessing of Almighty God, will lead to the increasing prosperity of my Indian empire and to the greater happiness of its people."

As the viceroy finished reading the king's words the assembled people broke into cheers for the king and emperor. The cheering was taken up by the multitude outside the amphitheater and was long and enthusiastic.

There then followed the presentation of Indian princes to the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught and political officers paid homage to the sovereign. This ended the ceremony and the cortege then left the arena followed by the delegates from foreign powers and the Indian princes.

Lord Kitchener, after the ceremonies, entered his carriage and was driven to Delhi.

The whole ceremony was favored with sunshine.

Lady Curzon was dressed in pale blue chiffon trimmed with pascimenterie. She wore a flower hat. Lord Curzon was in full political uniform.

Lord Curzon spoke for 20 minutes, standing most of the time with one foot on a silver foot stool.

After the presentation of the notabilities the viceroy and the Duke of Connaught stepped forward and shook hands with Lady Curzon.

At the new year's diplomatic reception today Foreign Minister Prinetti and Ambassador Meyer exchanged congratulations over the anticipated settlement by arbitration of the Venezuelan trouble.

Prinetti expressed his appreciation of the attitude of the United States and his satisfaction at the state department's action throughout the affair.

A RAILROAD ROBBER.

His Victims Are Confident that He Was Gus Hyatt.

Leadville, Ky., Dec. 31.—As a result of today's developments both Chief Deputy Sheriff and Conductor J. J. Keene, who was wounded by the robber who attempted to hold up the Louisville & Nashville train near South Louisville early Tuesday morning, are confident that Gus Hyatt, who escaped from the Nashville penitentiary some time ago, is the guilty man. All efforts of the officers to capture the robber, however, have so far been of no avail.

It is from what Keene said and from Hyatt's record that he is the man wanted.

DEATH OF CHARLES WESSEL.

Probably Induced by Great Excitement or Unusual Physical Exercise.

New York, Dec. 31.—Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon performed an autopsy today on the body of Charles Wessel, the metallurgist, who dropped dead on Tuesday evening in an elevated train. Dr. O'Hanlon reported to Coroner Jackson that the death of Mr. Wessel, who was afflicted with fatty degeneration of the heart, was "probably induced by great excitement or unusual physical exercise."

Coroner Jackson said after receiving the report: "If I can find any witnesses who will testify that Mr. Wessel was unduly shocked or pushed about on the station platform or in the car where he died, I shall hold the Manhattan railway responsible."

For Benefit of Postal Tel. Employees

New York, Jan. 1.—Whatever the nature of the plans being worked out by Clarence H. MacKay for the benefit of the older employees of the Postal Telegraph company, they are being guarded well. From what has been learned, however, they involve something more important than a small gift of money to men who have been in the employ of that company for more than 10 years, though that different officials who are close to the young head of the corporation, is quoted as saying: "The plan is being worked on, but it is too early to give out any definite information. When the plan comes to maturity, all interested will be informed, but it will not be today and within a few days, as more time is required."

SWINDLED ADVERTISERS.

Geo. Norton Said to Have Secured Sums Aggregating \$200,000. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—Charged with swindling advertisers in Seattle, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland sums aggregating \$200,000, Geo. Norton, alias George Norton, is in prison charged with uttering instrument. He has several